

## THE CORRECT NAME FOR THE DIPTEROUS GENUS DICRANIA.

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In a paper entitled "Descriptions of Horseflies from Middle America," (Ohio Journal Science, Columbus, XX, No. 6, April, 1920, p. 185-192), Prof. J. S. Hine has proposed the new name *Stichocera* for *Dicrania* Macquart and for *Dicranomyia* Hunter, both of which have been used for the same genus (genotype *Pangonia cervus* Wiedemann) and are preoccupied.

But as long ago as in 1913 two other names were proposed for the same purpose and for the same genotype. These names are: (1) *Elaphella*, proposed by the present writer in a paper entitled "Einige alte und neue Namen bei den Dipteren" (Societas Entomologica, XXVIII, No. 13, July, 1913, p. 56); and (2) *Allo-dicrania*, proposed by Doctor G. Enderlein in the paper "Dipterologische Studien III," (Zool. Anz., XLII, No. 6, July 18, 1913, p. 253).

As the name proposed by me appeared in print thirteen days before that proposed by Doctor Enderlein, it must be retained. We have thus:

### FAMILY TABANIDAE.

#### *Sub-Family Pangoniinæ.*

**Elaphella** Bezzi, 1913. Genotype: *Pangonia cervus* Wiedemann, 1828.

Syn. *Dicrania* Macquart, Suite a Buffon, I, 1834, p. 195, (nec *Dicrania* Lep. Serv. 1825, Coleoptera).

Syn. *Dicranomyia* Hunter, Trans. Am. Ent. Soc. XXXVII, 1901, p. 135, (nec *Dicranomyia* Stephens, 1829, Diptera).

Syn. *Allo-dicrania* Enderlein, Zool. Anz. XLII, 1913, p. 253.

Syn. *Stichocera* Hine, Ohio Journal Science, XX, 1920, p. 192.

The incorrect name, *Dicrania*, has been used by Giglio Tos, Ricardo and Lutz in their works; and the probably incorrect *Dicranomyia* has been employed by Doctor Kertész in his catalogues, and by Surcouf et Gonzalez-Rincones in the work on the biting Diptera from Venezuela.